

Town of Canton
Canton School Committee Minutes of the Meeting of December 17, 2015
Canton High School Distance Learning Lab

The back-up support documents for each agenda item are arranged in the order listed below.

- A. Call to Order – Robert Golledge calls meeting to order at 6:45 PM. Motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contractual matters. It was voted by roll call 5-0.

B.

Robert Golledge	yea
Reuki Schutt	yea
Michael Loughran	yea
John Bonnanzio	yea
Kristin Mirliani	yea

- C. Open Session convened at 7:07 PM.

Present are:

Robert Golledge
Reuki Schutt
Mike Loughran
John Bonnanzio
Kristin Mirliani

Also Present:

Jen Henderson, Interim Superintendent of Schools
Barry Nectow, School Business Administrator
Brett McCloud, Recording Secretary
Staff
Students
Press

- D. Routine Matters:

1. Approve Minutes dated December 3, 2015. It was voted 5-1.

5	yeas	0	nays
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2. Approve Executive Session Minutes dated December 3, 2015. It was voted 5-0.

5	yeas	0	nays
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3. Approve Executive Session Minutes dated December 3, 2015 for public release.
It was voted to hold 5-0.

5	yeas	0	nays
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4. Approve Bill Schedule dated December 24, 2015. It was voted 5-0.

5	yeas	0	nays
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- E. Public Comments/Questions – A question was asked on the composition of the superintendent search and how parents will be selected to be on the Superintendent Search Committee. It was clarified that two parents would be selected and not one as it had stated in an email that went out prior that day. Barry Nectow stated that he would send out another email to correct the information that went out previously.

- F. Student Member Report: Michael Larson reported on school events and activities happening around the district. The Luce is celebrating being courageous this month and

is busy collecting Toys for Tots. The Hansen School's "Girls on the Run" group participated in their first 5K. The students at the Hansen also held a toy drive for patients at Children's Hospital. The JFK is encouraging students to say "Good Morning" in their native language, at the time of morning announcements. The second grade also had a visit from author, Brian Lies who encouraged them to keep writing, even though it can be hard. The Galvin Middle School Book Club is collecting donations for the Canton Animal Shelter. There is also a toy drive being held for the Boys and Girls Club of West Roxbury. The Galvin is also holding spirit week with different themed days throughout the week. Lastly the CHS world language department held the annual honor society induction ceremony. The performing arts department hosted their winter concert which was well attended.

- G. Superintendent's Report: Jennifer Henderson, Interim Superintendent, reported on school events and activities around the district. Ms. Henderson thanked the police department with primary presenter Ted Lehan for their presentation on Internet Safety. Although not well attended, parents found the information helpful. The CAPT organizations at the elementary may try to sponsor this same event for upper elementary parents. Superintendent Henderson also mentioned the trip to Africa held an informational meeting and reported that out of the fifteen interested students, nine have already signed up. Lastly, Ms. Henderson reported on all of the data that was considered in making the decision re: whether the district should continue with the MCAS in Spring 2016 or move to PARCC. Sources included a teacher survey, multiple discussions by the administrative staff, technology review and work with other districts. Given the recent information gathered it is Superintendent Henderson's recommendation to have elementary students take the paper and pencil PARCC, giving them two years of exposure to the test and being held harmless for doing so. She also recommended that the Galvin Middle School students take the PARCC on computers for the next two years while being held harmless. Motion to accept the recommendations of the superintendent made by Reuki Schutt. The motion was seconded by Michael Loughran. It was voted 5-0.

5 years 0 nays

H. Old Business: None

I. New Business

1. Out of State Approval: Ida Pappas, K-12 Performing Arts Coordinator presented plans for a trip to New York City from CHS Band students on April 8th 2016. The students will attend the New York Philharmonic performing Beethoven's *Symphony No. 6* and a performance of the Broadway show, *Kinky Boots*. Reuki Schutt moved to approve the out of state travel. The motion was seconded by Michael Loughran. It was voted 5-0.

5 years 0 nays

2. Rodman Early Childhood Center – Proposed Tuition Increase: Donna Kilday, Rodman Early Childhood Coordinator, presented a proposal for 2% increase on Rodman Preschool tuition. There has not been an increase in two years. Reuki Schutt motioned to approve a 2% increase. John Bonnanzio made a friendly amendment to increase the tuition by 2.5% for the 2016-17 school year. This motion was seconded by Kristin Mirlian. It was voted 5-0.

5 years 0 nays

3. MCAS Overview: Jayne Moore, Interim Director for Curriculum and Instruction, presented a general MCAS overview. Ms. Moore explained that the accountability reports have now been released to the public. The accountability reports show how Canton schools rank to other schools who also take the MCAS testing. The test shows patterns of strengths and weaknesses in certain areas by accountability levels. Ms. Moore ended her presentation by explaining that the MCAS are only one test and data is being collected on students all year long. This presentation will be followed up with a detailed presentation in January at the time the School Improvement Plans are presented.
 4. Free Full Day Kindergarten Follow Up: Robert Golledge provided a follow up to the Board of Selectmen discussion on Free Full Day Kindergarten funding. Superintendent Henderson reported that the School Committee will be moving onto the Finance Committee meeting. John Bonnanzio commented that the Board of Selectmen were generally in agreement, but asked why now and not last year. John Bonnanzio explained that the needs have not changed, but the priority has changed. Barry Nectow reported that the Finance Committee chair is recommending that a warrant article without the amount on it, be submitted before the deadline which comes before the next Finance Committee Meeting.
 5. Operating Budget Kick-Off: Superintendent Henderson provided a general overview of the operating budget as it relates to the district goals. Ms. Henderson and Barry Nectow will meet with Reuki Schutt on December 18 to discuss the first overview of the budget. Mr. Nectow provided a preliminary review of the FY17 budget. He explained that all the requests will be reviewed with Reuki Schutt on the 18th and it will be decided on what to bring back to School Committee.
 6. World Language Reorganization: Robert Golledge read the School Committee's intent to reorganize the K-12 World Language Department. This will take effect on or around July 1. The anticipated change consists of creating and filling a new position of a K-12 World Language Coordinator at the same time eliminating the K - 8 World Language and 9 -12 World Language would be eliminated. The K - 12 coordinator would assume responsibility of the two eliminated positions.
- J. Business Manager's Report: Mr. Nectow provided an update on the Hansen construction. There was a meeting this week there has lots of activity surrounding the Hansen Construction Project. Drainage and underground work is being done before a foundation is set. The playground has remained open throughout the process.
- K. Sub-Committee Reports
7. TEC- Robert Golledge – Nothing to report.
 8. CPC – Mike Loughran – Next meeting will be second week in January.
 9. BRC- John Bonnanzio – Nothing to report.
 10. Wellness- Kristin Mirliani – Nothing to report.
 11. Finance – Reuki Schutt – Budget will be worked on December 18, 2015.
 12. Building Use – John Bonnanzio – Met with building use committee to discuss finding a site that could possibly be used as an administrative building. Funding for such a project was discussed as well.
 13. Policy – Kristin Mirliani – Updates to the Residency Policy will be on the agenda in January.

- 14. Superintendent Search – John Bonnanzio – Nothing to report.
- L. Future Business – Next Meeting Thursday, January 7, 2015
- M. Other Business – None at this time.
- N. Adjournment – Reuki Schutt motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by John Bonnanzio. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM. It was voted 5-0.

5 yeas 0 nays